

Danaus plexippus* (Monarch)*Priority 3 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)****Class:** *Insecta* (Insects)**Order:** *Lepidoptera* (Butterflies, Skippers, And Moths)**Family:** *Nymphalidae* (Brushfooted Butterflies)**General comments:**

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Species Conservation Range Maps for Monarch:Town Map: [Danaus plexippus_Towns.pdf](#)Subwatershed Map: [Danaus plexippus_HUC12.pdf](#)**SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:****Risk of Extirpation:** NA**State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern:** NA**Recent Significant Declines:**

Monarch is currently undergoing steep population declines, which has already led to, or if unchecked is likely to lead to, local extinction and/or range contraction.

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Regional Endemic: NA**High Regional Conservation Priority:** NA**High Climate Change Vulnerability:** NA**Understudied rare taxa:** NA**Historical:** NA**Culturally Significant:** NA**Habitats Assigned to Monarch:**

Formation Name		Agricultural
Macrogroup Name		Agricultural
Habitat System Name:		Cultivated Crops Notes: where host plant (milkweed) present
Habitat System Name:		Pasture-Hay Notes: where host plant (milkweed) present
Formation Name		Grassland & Shrubland
Macrogroup Name		Ruderal Shrubland & Grassland
Habitat System Name:		Powerline Right-of-Way Notes: where host plant (milkweed) present
Habitat System Name:		Ruderal Upland - Old Field Notes: where host plant (milkweed) present

Stressors Assigned to Monarch:

No Stressors Currently Assigned to Monarch or other Priority 3 SGCN.

Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to Monarch:

No Species Specific Conservation Actions Currently Assigned to Monarch or other Priority 3 SGCN.

Guild Level Conservation Actions:

This Species is currently not attributed to a guild.

Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:

Relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action

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Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

Habitat Based Conservation Actions:

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.